

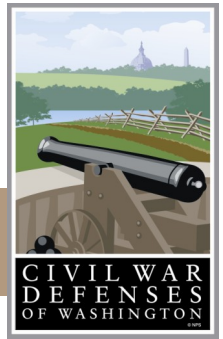
Civil War Defenses of Washington NEWSLETTER

Fort Marcy Fort Reno Battleground Fort Slocum Fort Mahan Fort Davis Battery Carroll
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Fort Bayard Fort Stevens Cemetery Fort Bunker Hill Fort Dupont Fort Ricketts Fort Foote

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New Summer Schedule of Interpretive Talks and Events Announced



Ranger Ron Harvey speaks to a Civil War Preservation Trust tour group at Fort Stevens

Beginning in June, NPS Rangers will lead trail hikes and present interpretive talks about the Civil War Defenses of Washington, life at the forts, and stories of the lives of and people connected to these special places. Special talks linking

Civil War sites and stories will also be given every other Wednesday at Arlington House, the historic home of Robert E. Lee.

In addition to NPS Ranger talks, many annual events take place at the fort sites. Did you know Fort Reno hosts an annual summer concert series? Be sure to check on the schedule on page 2 and 3 and look for regular updates and details on the National Park Service's website :

www.nps.gov/cwdw

Also listed on the website are volunteer opportunities. Come join us!

Summer Calendar Highlights



**Interpretive
Ranger Talks**



Interpretive Trail Hike



Concert Series

Fort Dupont 7/10—8/21
www.nps.gov/fodu

Fort Reno 6/28—8/5
www.fortreno.com



Special Events

**June 19 Opera in the Park at
Fort Dupont**

July 10 Fort Stevens Day

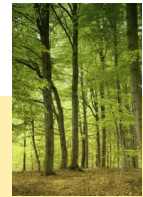
**Aug. 28 Feet in the Street at
Fort Dupont**

All Talks and Events are Free

DISCOVERING the Civil War

Washington, DC During the Civil War
7 p.m. on Thurs., June 24th

a National Archives event
www.archives.gov



Featured Fort: Fort Reno

Supporting the northwest defensive line of Washington, D.C., this fort commanded one of the highest points among the fortifications (429 feet in elevation) and was one of the largest and most heavily armed defenses. On July 11, 1864, lookouts at Fort Reno spotted and warned of Confederate General Jubal Early's army advancing on Washington, D.C. in what was to become the only Civil War battle in the nation's capital.

Today, the former site of Fort Reno serves as recreation area, hosts summer concerts, is home to a community garden and still provides an inspiring view of the city. Fort Reno will soon be one stop along a planned walking trail highlighting the history of Tenleytown through the support of Cultural Tourism D.C. and the D.C. Department of Transportation.

Directions: Located on Chesapeake Street between Nebraska and Wisconsin Avenues in N.W. D.C



Groundwork Anacostia Youth Team Enhances New Trail Connection at Fort Mahan

Groundwork Anacostia engages the community, the public and the private sector in sustainability and leads local youth in environmental education and job training. Groundwork worked last fall to landscape and improve a new trail connection built through volunteer efforts lead by the DC Builders Industry Association.

Working in concert with the District of Columbia's Green Jobs program and the NPS, Groundwork will lead 6 teams (72 youth) to improve the trail between Fort Mahan and Fort Dupont. Youth will also research the Civil War Defenses and prepare a summer report for school. The green teams at SEED Public Charter School and Friendship Collegiate Academy

will continue this work in the fall to include learning to lead hikes and guided tours of the trail near their school campus.



Learn More! www.groundworkusa.org



www.nps.gov/cwdw

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June 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31 MEMORIAL DAY	1	2 11am & 1pm Arlington House	3	4	5 National Trails Day at Fort Dupont 9 am—12 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 2 pm Fort Stevens
13 2 pm Fort Dupont Trail Hike	14	15	16 11am & 1pm Arlington House	17	18	19 Fort DeRussy Trail Hike 2 pm
			20	21 7pm National Archives Speaker Event : Civil War Washington	22	23
24 2 pm Fort Marcy	25 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	26	27 11am & 1pm Arlington House	28	29	30












July 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	6	7	8 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	9	10 11am—3 pm Fort Stevens Day Fort Dupont Concert 8 – 10 pm
11 2 pm Fort Mahan Trail Hike	12 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	13	14 11am & 1pm Arlington House	15 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	16	17 Fort Dupont Concert 8 – 10 pm
18 2 pm Fort Marcy	19 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	20	21	22 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm	23	24 2 pm Fort Reno Fort Dupont Concert 8 – 10 pm
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August 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 2 pm Fort Marcy 	2 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm 	3	4	5 Fort Reno Concert 7:00 – 9:30 pm 	6	7 Fort Dupont Concert 8 – 10 pm 
8 2 pm Fort Dupont Trail Hike 	9	10	11 11am & 1pm Arlington House 	12	13	14 2 pm  Fort Stevens Fort Dupont Concert 8 – 10 pm 
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The Forts Quick Links

Volunteer Opportunities

National Trails Day is American Hiking Society's signature trail awareness program. Join us at Fort Dupont from 9a.m.—12 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th to discover and enjoy the trails while participating in events, workshops and work projects.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/fodu or call (202) 426-7723.

Opera in the Park: June 19th at Fort Dupont

Washington National Opera & Library of Congress Exhibit

Learn more about African American heritage with the Washington National Opera and the National Park Service presenting Opera in Color. Also, enjoy a special exhibit from the Library of Congress featuring Juneteenth, a celebration of the emancipation of the slaves during the Civil War. This event is free to the public. The exhibit will be open from 1:30—3 p.m. and the concert runs from 3—4:30 p.m.

Featured Partner

Neighborhood Farm Initiative is working in partnership with the National Park Service to serve as an educational resource on organic vegetable gardening. NFI offers hands-on season-long gardening courses for teens and adults and is always looking for new volunteers! Get your hands dirty and learn how to grow your own food at the community gardens at Fort Totten or Fort Dupont.

Visit www.neighborhoodfarminitiative.org or send an email to: NeighborhoodFarm@gmail.com.



Volunteers with National Capital Chapter of the American Planning Association weed at Ft. Mahan



Brandon Bies discusses civil war ammunition at a Fort Bunker Hill park clean-up event



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